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(TEXT) MOSCOW--COMMENTING ON THE RESSHUFFLE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, VADIM KASSIS SAYS IN IZVESTIYA: "THE BRAZEN INTERVENTION BY THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS AROUSED A STORM OF INDIGNATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE KEY FIGURE IN THAT INTERVENTION, ADMIRAL RABORN, SUFFERED A FIACCO AT THAT TIME. AS THE U.S. PRESS SAID, HE PROVED TO BE AN 'UNQUALIFIED EXPERT.'"

"NEVERTHELESS TO SAVE FACE," THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE SAYS, "THE U.S. LEADERS ALLEGEDLY DECIDED THAT THE ADMIRAL WOULD REMAIN AT HIS POST FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR." THE FORECAST WAS TOO OPTIMISTIC. RABORN CONTINUED AT HIS POST FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS. "WAS THE FAILURE OF CIA ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THE ONLY REASON FOR RABORN'S DISMISSAL FROM HIS POST?" WRITES KASSIS. OF COURSE NOT. IN RECENT YEARS A VERITABLE RESSHUFFLE OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN UNDER WAY IN THIS U.S. TOP SECRET DEPARTMENT. ALLEN DULLES WAS REPLACED BY JOHN McCONE, JOHN McCONE BY WILLIAM RABORN, AND NOW WILL RABORN BY RICHARD HELMS."

THE DUTY OF CREATING A RELIABLE SCREEN FOR THE PROVOCATIVE OPERATIONS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ABOVE CIA LEADERS, THE ARTICLE SAYS. "BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR PERSONAL QUALITIES AND POSSIBILITIES, THE LEADERS RUINED THE OPERATIONS, ONE AFTER THE OTHER."

IT IS SUFFICIENT TO RECOLLECT THE UNSUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION AGAINST REVOLUTIONARY CUBA, THE CLUNSY CIA WORK IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE ENDLESS INTRIGUES IN THE CONGO LEOPOLDVILLE, AND THE CONSTANT FAILURE OF CIA ACTIVITY IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES: RABORN HAS BEEN REPLACED BY RICHARD HELMS--A PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE MAN. WASHINGTON SETS GREAT HOPES ON HIM AND EXPECTS HIM TO PREVENT NEW CIA FLOPS. THE POINT IS THAT THE CIA FLOPS AND FAILURES TAKE PLACE NOT BECAUSE OF THE PERSONS WHO OCCUPY THE CHAIR OF DIRECTOR, BUT BECAUSE OF THE AGGRESSIVE AND ADVENTURISTIC U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

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